

NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, sexual orientation, medical condition or pregnancy. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing Civil Service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

DEPARTMENT:	NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY	RELEASE DATE:	Tuesday, September 29, 2009
	Executive Policy Officer, Strategic Growth Council	FINAL FILING DATE:	Monday, October 12, 2009
CEA LEVEL:	CEA 2	EXTENDED FINAL FILING DATE:	
SALARY RANGE:	\$ 7,815.00 - \$ 8,616.00 / Month	BULLETIN ID:	09142009_2

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Executive Policy Officer to the California Strategic Growth Council (Council) reports to the Council Chairperson and works with other Council Members, Steering Committee, Council Key Staff, and stakeholders to coordinate, develop, and implement policies, initiatives, and programmatic activities to support the mission of the Council. The incumbent also oversees the grants and loans program (approximately \$180 million) in support of the planning and development of sustainable communities.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

Either I

Must be a State civil service employee with permanent civil service status or who previously had permanent status in the State civil service.

Or II

Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature, with two or more consecutive years as defined in Government code § 18990.

Or III

Must be a current or former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch with two or more consecutive years (excluding those positions for which salaries are set by statute) as defined in Government Code § 18992.

Or IV

Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code § 18991.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to perform high administrative and policy – influencing functions effectively. Such overall ability requires possession of most of the following more specific knowledge and abilities:

- (1) Knowledge of the organization and functions of California State Government including the organization and practices of the Legislature and the Executive Branch; principles, practices, and trends of public administration, organization, and management; techniques of organizing and motivating groups; program development and evaluation; methods of administrative problem solving; principles and practices of policy formulation and development; and personnel management techniques; the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Program objectives; and a manager's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program.
- (2) Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff; analyze administrative policies, organization, procedures and practices; integrate the activities of a diverse program to attain common goals; gain the confidence and support of top level administrators and advise them on a wide range of administrative matters; develop cooperative working relationships with representatives of all levels of government, the public, and the Legislature and Executive branches; analyze complex problems and recommend effective courses of action; and prepare and review reports; and effectively contribute to the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

These knowledge and abilities are expected to be obtained from the following kinds of experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation and/or evaluation of program policies (experience may have been paid or volunteer; in State service, other government settings, or in a private organization):

- **CEA Level 1.** Supervisory/administrative experience in a line or staff activity, including the execution and/or evaluation of program policies.
- **CEA Levels 2 and 3.** Broad administrative or program manager experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.
- CEA Levels 4 and 5. Extensive managerial and program administrative experience which has included substantial responsibility for a combination of management functions such as program planning; policy formulation; organization coordination and control; and fiscal and personnel management. Where high technical professional qualifications are of primary importance in performing the duties of a given CEA position, then the above required experience may have been in a staff capacity exercising professional skills to influence and contribute to program, policy, and methods of providing those professional services. Primary examples are medical doctors

and attorneys.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION(S)

Leadership and group facilitation experience with the ability to effectively work in a multi-stakeholder environment.

Effective communication skills including the ability to speak to diverse groups.

Demonstrated experience in developing, recommending, and implementing statewide policies, programs, and procedures.

Thorough knowledge and demonstrated experience working with the state's fiscal systems.

Thorough knowledge of the state's legislative process.

Demonstrated leadership ability to develop effective, mutually beneficial relationships with staff from multiple agencies and departments, including department directors and their staff, control agency staff, and potential grant recipients.

Demonstrated ability to build consensus, while valuing differing opinions, viewpoints, perspectives, needs, and interests.

Demonstrated ability to accurately analyze technical, fiscal, statutory, and legal materials and effectively articulate the concepts and their impacts on policies into general terms.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

A minimum rating of 70% must be attained to obtain list eligibility. Hiring interviews may be conducted with the most qualified candidates. All candidates will receive written notification of their examination results. The result of this examination will be used only to fill the position of **Executive Policy Officer**, **Strategic Growth Council**, with the **NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY**. Applications will be retained for twelve months.

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE FINAL FILING DATE OF OCTOBER 12, 2009 TO BE CONSIDERED.

Interested applicants must submit:

- A completed Standard State Application (Form 678).
- A "Statement of Qualifications". The Statement is a narrative discussion of how the candidate's education, training, experience, and skills meet the minimum and desirable qualifications and qualify them for the position. The Statement of Qualifications serves as a documentation of each candidate's ability to present information clearly and concisely in writing and should be typed and no more than two pages in length and the font should not be smaller than 10 pitches.
- Resumes do not take the place of the Statement of Qualifications.
- A resume.

Applications must be submitted by the final filing date to:

NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
Human Resources - Examination Unit
P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
Rosalie Turbeville | (916) 445-7909 | rosalie.turbeville@fire.ca.gov

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicants must file their application, resume, and Statement of Qualifications with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) either in person at 1300 U Street, Sacramento, California, or mail to P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, California 94244-2460, Attention: Rosalie Turbeville, Examination Unit. PLEASE NOTE: APPLICATION MATERIALS SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SPECIAL TESTING

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

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